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FOLLOWING SENT BANGKOK, RANGOON INFO VIENTIANE FROM SECSTATE
ON AUG 03, RPTD TO YOU:

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SUBJ: DEPT. STATEMENT ON LWIN/WICHIAN CALL

DEPARTMENT PRESS SPOKESMAN (BRAY) MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT
AT NOON BRIEFING AUGUST 2:

QUOTE I MIGHT NOTE SEVERAL OTHER THINGS FOR YOU. ONE
IS THAT -- SOMETHING I SHOULD HAVE NOTED YESTERDAY, I
GUESS -- THAT THE DEPUTY SECRETARY ON JULY 31 CALLED IN
THE BURMESE AMBASSADOR AND THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF
THAILAND TO EXPRESS FORMALLY TO THEM THIS GOVERNMENT'S
CONGRATULATIONS ON THE RECENT ARREST OF LO HSING-HAN.
HE, AS SOME OF YOU KNOW, IS A BURMESE INSURGENT LEADER
WHO HAS FOR MANY YEARS BEEN ONE OF THE MAJOR NARCOTICS
TRAFFICKERS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. HE WAS ARRESTED ON JULY
17 AS A RESULT OF A CONCERTED COORDINATED ACTION BY
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BURMESE AND THAI OFFICIALS. AS I UNDERSTAND THE

CIRCUMSTANCES, THEY WERE THAT BURMESE ARMY UNITS HAD
ATTACKED THOSE FORCES NEAR THE BORDER OF BURMA AND
DRIVEN THEM INTO THAILAND WHERE THAI BORDER PATROL
POLICE WERE WAITING TO PICK HIM OFF.

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WE ARE GRATIFIED BY THIS CONTINUING COOPERATION
BETWEEN THE THAI AND BURMESE GOVERNMENTS, AND, AS THE
DEPUTY SECRETARY TOLD THE TWO CHIEFS OF MISSION ON THE
31ST, "WE VIEW MR. LO'S REMOVAL FROM THE NARCOTICS SCENE
AS A MAJOR STEP FORWARD IN THE CONTINUING ACTION AGAINST
NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. CONTINUED
COOPERATION OF THIS KIND OBVIOUSLY WILL BE OF IMPORTANT
BENEFIT TO THE REST OF THE WORLD." UNQUOTE. ROGERS
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